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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 23, 1999

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Vice-Chairperson Michael Berger acting Chair at 7:40 p.m. on September 23, 1999, at Chatsworth Senior High School, Chancellor Hall, 10027 Lurline Avenue, Chatsworth, California.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome Daniel, Russell Guiney, John Hisserich, Jeffrey Schwartz, and Michael Berger, Vice Chair. The following members were in attendance subsequent to roll call: Ed Begley, Jr. The following members were absent: Arthur Eck, Steve Horn, Lindsey Kozberg, Mary Nichols, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. Quorum present.

3. Roll call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Dave Brown, Kathy Caldwell, Mark Johnson, Clare Marter Kenyon, Fran Pavley, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, Kenneth Warner, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members were absent: David Green, Patrick Hunter, Linda Palmer, Rick Putnam, Jeff Seymour, and Carolyn Van Horn. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Kathleen Bullard, Director of the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Janeen Parker,

Chief of Education and Interpretation; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation and Operations; Dawn De Vere, Staff Manager; Ellen Mackey, Visiting Ecologist; and Stephanie Nevarez, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Alan Hager, Deputy Attorney General.

The Deputy Attorney General administered the oath of office to Mr. Ed Hayduk, as the appointee for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

The Deputy Attorney General administered the oath of office to Mr. Russell Guiney, District Superintendent of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, representing the Resources Agency.

4. Reports

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division.

5. Oral reports by staff.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by Ms. Pavley.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Kathleen Bullard, Director of the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

6. Report from budget and legislative committee.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Brown and Berger.

Comments were made by Mr. Schwartz and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Caldwell.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Pavley.

7. Special presentation to Jeff Seymour, retiring member of Advisory Committee.

The presentation was made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Seymour.

8. Special presentation to Jerry Gladden, retired member of Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and General Manager of Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

This item was postponed.

9. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Dorian Keyser, representing the Santa Susana Park Association, on item 15.

Nancy Razanski, representing the Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains, on item 15.

Russ Dingman, representing the California Department of Parks and Recreation, on item 15.

10. Consent Calendar:

a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to State Water Resources Control Board on proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Los Angeles County Channel Maintenance Project. [Coastal Zone item]**

b) **Consideration of resolution (1) exercising first right of refusal; (2) authorizing**

acquisition of APN 4357-004-900 in Benedict Canyon; and (3) authorizing an agreement to sell an easement to adjoining owner.

- c) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept offsite mitigation fees to perform streambed restoration in the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor, Agoura Hills.**
- d) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a grant from the California Arts Council for further renovation of the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.**
- e) Consideration of resolution authorizing grant in augmentation of Proposition A and Proposition K funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for development of nature center at The Natural Park, City of Los Angeles.**
- f) Consideration of resolution amending resolution 99-85 (August 26, 1999) to augment grant for project planning and design related to item 3810-301-0001, Budget Act of 1999.**
- g) Consideration of resolution amending resolution 99-82 (August 26, 1999) to augment grant for educational interpretation programs related to item 3810-301-0001, Budget Act of 1999.**

Item 10(f) was not heard.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 99-96, 99-97, 99-98, 99-99, 99-100, and 99-102.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita regarding Golden Valley Ranch Draft Environmental Impact Report.**

This item was postponed.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District on proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for Ranchview Pump Station and Tank Project, Malibu Terrace Tract No. 45342, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown and Ms. Pavley.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Marter Kenyon and the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown, the Executive Director, and Ms. Pavley.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Mr. Rockenstein recommended that the letter be amended to include Mr. Brown's comments.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-104.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-104.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and on Triunfo Sanitation District on Creek Discharge Avoidance Study Alternatives Draft Environmental Impact Report. [Coastal Zone item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Messrs. Brown and Lange, the Executive Director, and Ms. Pavley.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Ms. Marter Kenyon recommended that the letter be amended to include Mr. Brown's comments.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-105.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-105.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Malibu regarding Tentative Tract Map No. 52487, 24200 Pacific Coast Highway. [Coastal Zone item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Messrs. Brown and Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-106.

Comments were made by Messrs. Kishbaugh, Guiney, and Daniel.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-106.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Conservancy or recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, in conjunction with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, acquire the Retz property in Chatsworth (APNs 2723-001-026, 028, 030, 032 and 2723-002-016 and 019) and enter into an agreement

for future partial repayment.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Guiney.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Pavley and Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Messrs. Edelman, Brown, Kishbaugh, and Guiney.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

The Executive Director recommended that this item be heard in closed session.

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing co-application with the City of Los Angeles for improvement of approximately 2.5 acres, North Lake Street, City of Los Angeles.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Nancy Cervantes.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Daniel, Begley, and Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by Mr. Saito.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-109.

Comments were made by Mr. Begley and Mr. Daniel.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-109.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation

Authority, as the Conservancy's designee, (1) to apply for Proposition A Competitive Trails Grant Funds under Section 7(b); (2) to acquire Backbone Trail properties (APNs 4472-007-017, 022); (3) to provide matching funds for the Las Virgenes Trail project (Micor property) and for trail improvements on Los Angeles County Mission Canyon property.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-108.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-108.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 18. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Maywood to develop an interim park on the former Catellus property, 5950 Walker Avenue, City of Maywood.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Bullard, Mr. Daniel, and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Rockenstein, Kishbaugh, Hissserich, Daniel, Lange, and Schwartz, the Chair, Ms. Caldwell, Ms. Pavley, and Ms. Marter Kenyon.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-110.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-110.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 19. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for implementation of Santa Monica Mountains projects pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996 and authorizing a grant for such purposes.**

This item was postponed.

- 20. Consideration of resolution adopting Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 1999-2000 amended budget and management budget detail. [Coastal Zone item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-112.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-112.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 21. Minutes**

No minutes were presented.

- 22. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Mountains Recreation and Conservation***

Authority v. Tucker Land Company; Los Amigos De Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Huebner v. State of California; and Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Real Parties in Interest).

The Chair called a closed session at 9:18 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss agenda item 15 .

The Chair reconvened the open session at 9:44 p.m. and announced that staff gave a report regarding legal issues regarding agenda item 15 and gave instructions to negotiators.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-107.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schwartz, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-107.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

23. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Rockenstein regarding Camarillo's Eldrid Locker Park and the California State Channel Islands/Chumash Indians park project.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel regarding the Newhall project.

Comments were made by Mr. Schwartz regarding George Runner and Whitney Canyon.

Comments were made by the Executive Director on Whitney Canyon and bipartisanship.

Comments were made by Mr. Guiney regarding the October 23rd rededication of Malibu Creek State Park on its 25th anniversary.

24. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on October 28, 1999.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Edward Rubin, Dan Popper, and Bruce Nelson at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson